

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. No claims have been amended in response to the instant office action.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Korean Patent Application Pub. No. 10-2003-0086157 ("Roh").

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0136971 ("Rhee"); (2) claims 6 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,614,492 ("Song"); and (3) claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh.

Roh and Rhee Are Not Prior Art

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims under sections 102 and 103 are legally deficient for at least the reason that Roh and Rhee are not prior art.

As stated in the "Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.495" mailed on November 17, 2006 ("Notice of Acceptance"), "the filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application." (emphasis added).

Accordingly, for purposes of determining whether a reference constitutes prior art, the effective U.S. filing date of the above-referenced application is November 5, 2002, the date that the PCT was filed.

Accordingly, Roh, which was published on November 7, 2003, after the effective filing date, is not prior art.

Further, Applicants submit that Rhee, which was filed on December 23, 2002, after the effective filing date, is also not prior art.

Accordingly, the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 are legally deficient on their face and, consequently, must be withdrawn.

As such, for at least this reason, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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